

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-34. (Canceled)

35. (New) An image forming device, comprising:

a reading unit for reading image data from an electronic tag of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with the electronic tag for storing electronic data as image data in a certain part of the printing paper;

a printing unit for printing the image data read by said reading unit;

a judging unit for judging whether a document is said electronically tagged printed matter or not;

a transporting unit for transporting the document to a specified position when said judging unit judges that the document is not said electronically tagged printed matter;

a scanning unit for scanning image data of the document transported by said transporting unit; and

a second printing unit for printing the image data scanned by said scanning unit, wherein

said transporting unit does not transport the document when said judging unit judges that the document is said electronically tagged printing matter; and

said reading unit reads image data from the electronic tag of the untransported document on said transporting unit when said judging unit judges that the document is said electronically tagged printed matter.

36. (New) The image forming device of claim 35, wherein said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper.

37. (New) The image forming device of claim 36, further comprising:
a display unit for displaying a notice that the document is an electronically tagged printed matter when said judging unit judges that the document is said electronically tagged printed matter; and

a selecting unit for selecting whether the image data stored in the electronic tag of the document should be printed or not; wherein

said reading unit reads out image data from the electronic tag of the document when said selecting unit selects that the image data stored in the electronic tag of the document should be printed.

38. (New) An image forming device, comprising:
a reading unit for reading image data from an electronic tag of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with the electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper;

a second reading unit for reading out modifiable attribute information among attribute information of said electronically tagged printed matter from said electronic tag;

a display unit for displaying the modifiable attribute information read out by said second reading unit;

a modifying unit for modifying the modifiable attribute information read out by said second reading unit; and

a printing unit for printing image data read by said reading unit, based on the attribute information modified by said modifying unit.

39. (New) The image forming device of claim 35, wherein said printing unit prints image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:

a writing unit for writing the image data printed by said printing unit on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by said printing unit.

40. (New) The image forming device of claim 35, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

41. (New) The image forming device of claim 38, wherein said printing unit prints image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an

electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:

a writing unit for writing the image data printed by said printing unit on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by said printing unit.

42. (New) The image forming device of claim 38, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

43. (New) An image forming method, comprising:

a reading step of reading image data from an electronic tag of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with the electronic tag for storing electronic data as image data in a certain part of the printing paper;

a printing step of printing the image data read by said reading step;

a judging step of judging whether a document is said electronically tagged printed matter or not;

a transporting step of transporting the document to a specified position when said judging step judges that the document is not said electronically tagged printed matter;

a scanning step of scanning image data of the document transported by said transporting step; and

a second printing step of printing the image data scanned by said scanning step, wherein

said transporting step does not transport the document when said judging step judges that the document is said electronically tagged printing matter; and

said reading step reads image data from the electronic tag of the untransported document when said judging step judges that the document is said electronically tagged printed matter.

44. (New) The image forming method of claim 43, wherein said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper.

45. (New) The image forming method of claim 44, further comprising:

a display step of displaying a notice that the document is an electronically tagged printed matter when said judging step judges that the document is said electronically tagged printed matter; and

a selecting step of selecting whether the image data stored in the electronic tag of the document should be printed or not; wherein

said reading step reads out image data from the electronic tag of the document when said selecting step selects that the image data stored in the electronic tag of the document should be printed.

46. (New) An image forming method, comprising:

a reading step of reading image data from an electronic tag of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with the electronic tag for storing

electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper;

a second reading step of reading out modifiable attribute information among attribute information of said electronically tagged printed matter from said electronic tag;

a display step of displaying the modifiable attribute information read out by said second reading step;

a modifying step of modifying the modifiable attribute information read out by said second reading step; and

a printing step for printing image data read by said reading step, based on the attribute information modified by said modifying step.

47. (New) The image forming method of claim 43, wherein said printing step prints image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:

a writing step of writing the image data printed by said printing step on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by said printing step.

48. (New) An image forming method of claim 43, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

49. (New) An image forming method of claim 46, wherein said printing step prints image data on a electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, further comprising:

a writing step of writing the image data printed by said printing step on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image is printed by said printing step.

50. (New) An image forming method of claim 46, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

51. (New) A computer-readable medium containing an image forming program for causing an image forming device to execute:

a reading step of reading image data from an electronic tag of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on a electronically tagged printing paper equipped with the electronic tag for storing electronic data as image data in a certain part of the printing paper;

a printing step of printing the image data read by said reading step;

a judging step of judging whether a document is said electronically tagged printed matter or not;

a transporting step of transporting the document to a specified position when said judging step judges that the document is not said electronically tagged printed matter;

a scanning step of scanning the image data of the document transported by said transporting step; and

a second printing step of printing the image data scanned by said scanning step, wherein

said transporting step does not transport the document when said judging step judges that the document is said electronically tagged printing matter; and

said reading step reads image data from the electronic tag of the untransported document when said judging step judges that the document is said electronically tagged printed matter.

52. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 51, wherein said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper.

53. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 52, wherein the program causes the image forming device to execute:

a display step of displaying a notice that the document is an electronically tagged printed matter when said judging step judges that the document is said electronically tagged printed matter; and

a selecting step of selecting whether the image data stored in the electronic tag of the document should be printed or not; wherein

said reading step reads out image data from the electronic tag of the document when said selecting step selects that the image data stored in the electronic tag of the document should be printed.

54. (New) A computer-readable medium containing an image forming program for causing the image forming device to execute:

a reading step of reading image data from an electronic tag of an electronically tagged printed matter wherein image data is printed on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with the electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper and said electronic tag stores image data printed on said electronically tagged printing paper;

a second reading step of reading out modifiable attribute information among attribute information of said electronically tagged printed matter from said electronic tag;

a display step of displaying the modifiable attribute information read out by said second reading step;

a modifying step of modifying the modifiable attribute information read out by said second reading step; and

a printing step for printing image data read by said reading step, based on the attribute information modified by said modifying step.

55. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 51, wherein said printing step prints image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, for further causing the image forming device to execute:

a writing step of writing the image data printed by said printing step on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by said printing step.

56. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 51, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

57. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 54, wherein said printing step prints image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag for storing electronic data in a certain part of the printing paper, for further causing the image forming device to execute:

a writing step of writing the image data printed by said printing step on the electronic tag of the electronically tagged printing paper on which the image data is printed by said printing step.

58. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 54, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.